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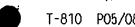
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REPLY BRIEF

This is a Reply Brief in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.193 in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed 02/24/2004.

Remarks

25 Re: Arguments Against the References Individually

The appellant understands that the rejection being appealed is an obviousness type rejection. However, regardless of whether the previously filed arguments made concerning Issue 1 are actually deemed to attack the references individually, the appellant maintains that attacking references individually is a way of showing that the references are incompatible or are from well-removed arts.

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Re: Meaning of Limitation of "a plurality of sensors for detecting different colors of ambient light"

The appellant understands the examiner's interpretation of the limitation characterized as "broad", and specifically, the examiner's interpretation of the word "different". However, the appellant argues that such interpretation renders the word "different" meaningless.

Light sensors, photodiodes, and like devices are commonly sensitive to a range of wavelengths peaking about a listed wavelength (color). Naturally, color and wavelength are continuous, and the appellant is unaware of any sensor that can measure a single discrete wavelength. Any device, no matter how discriminating, would be subject to tolerances, yielding a range of wavelengths no matter how small. And so, in accordance with the examiner's interpretation of "different", a single device can indeed be said to measure different colors of light. Yet, since light sensors are inherently sensitive to a range of wavelengths, interpreting "different" in this way is not meaningful.

The appellant argues that any meaningful interpretation of the word "different" causes the recited limitation of "a plurality of sensors for detecting different colors of ambient light" to read as a plurality of sensors each for detecting a different color of ambient light or a plurality of sensors each for detecting a different color range of ambient light.

25 Re: Reasons for Combining the Hirose Reference with the Hanson Reference

The examiner has chosen to interpret Hirose et al. in US 5,032,828 ("Hirose") as teaching two sensors 16a and 16b by stating "Hirose discloses (Figs.2-4) a plurality of different colors light sensors (16a and 16b)" (page 4, Examiner's Answer). However, the appellant disagrees with such a selective interpretation and argues that Hirose effectively teaches one sensor made up of two mutually dependent sub-sensors because

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1) the sensors 16a and 16b are in very close proximity (photodiode 16 of Fig.1 and the circuit diagram of Fig.2 suggest a proximity smaller than the order of millimeters), and

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- 2) significant signal processing by the CRT drive circuit 18 (controller) only occurs after the outputs of the sensors 16a and 16b have been merged into one signal by the color hue controlling circuit 17.
- For these reasons, the appellant argues that the sensors 16a and 16b are a single sensor device sensitive to a color of light or color hue (see col. 3 lines 21-23) set by the color hue controlling circuit 17.

In contrast, the appealed claim 6 recites a plurality of sensors and their plurality of detecting signals on which the controller acts. That is, each sensor outputs a detecting signal to the controller which adjusts color levels of the picture image displayed on the screen according to these detecting signals. Hirose's controller (CRT drive circuit 18) does not act on a plurality of signals, further supporting the argument that Hirose effectively teaches only one sensor.

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With Hirose teaching only one sensor sensitive to one color, the claim 6 limitation of "a plurality of sensors for detecting different colors of ambient light" is not fairly suggested by the cited art.

25 Summary

Given the additional arguments above and in view of the previously filed arguments, the appellant maintains that the rejection should be overturned.

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